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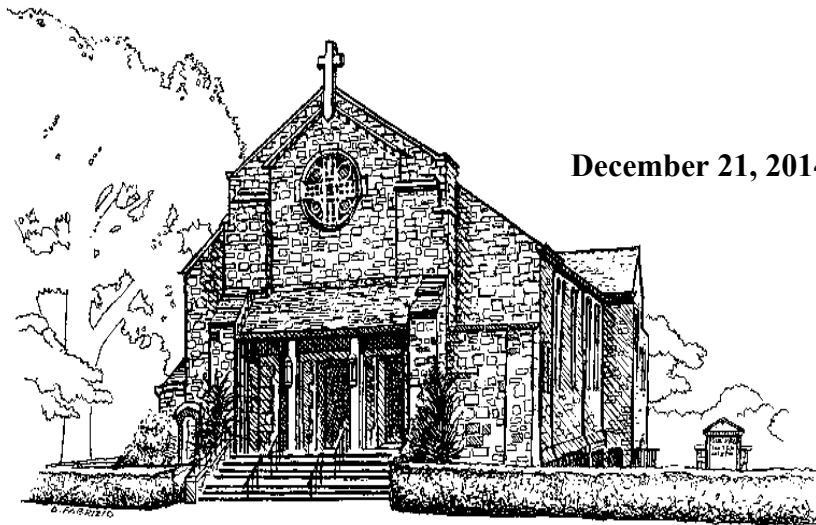
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## Mass Schedule

### *Masses for Sunday*

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
& 5:00 p.m.

### *Weekdays*

*Monday to Friday:* 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

*Saturday:* 9:00 a.m.

### *Holy Days*

7:30 p.m. (eve), 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon,  
7:30 p.m.

### *Devotions to Our Lady*

#### *Novena*

*Monday at 9:30 a.m.*

## *Matrimony*

The engaged couple is to inform the Parish priest usually one year prior to the celebration. A marriage preparation program is required.

## *Religious Education Program*

Grades 3 & 4    Monday    3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 5 & 6    Tuesday    7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grades 7 & 8    Wednesday    7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2    Thursday    2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

## *Meetings*

**Parish Council:** Third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Church Hall.

**Finance Committee:** Meets periodically.

**Rosary Altar Society:** First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for the Rosary, and 7:30 p.m. meeting.

**Legion of Mary:** Meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

**Folk Group:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

**St. Gregory's Choir:** Thursdays - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**RCIA:** Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Youth Ministry:** Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

**Respect Life:** Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

## *Baptism*

Celebrated every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Please call the Parish House to make an appointment for Pre-Baptismal instructions.

## *Penance*

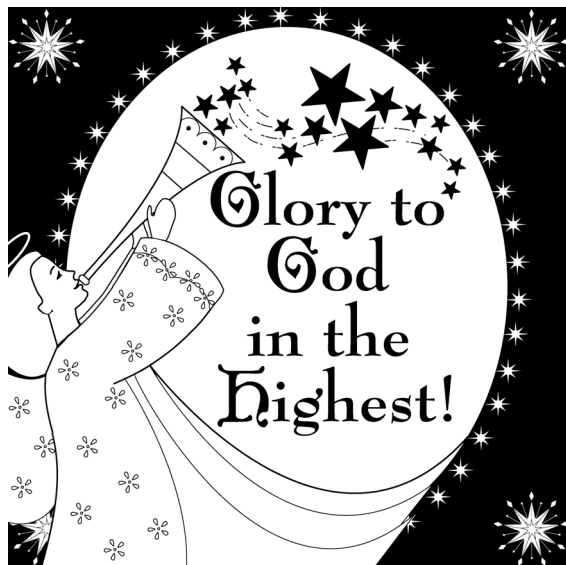
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 p.m.

Day Before a Holy Day: 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

All Other Times: On Request

**December 21, 2014**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/20	5:00 p.m.	JOAN DONOVAN
SUN. 12/21	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	ANTHONY CARDONE
	10:00 a.m.	DAMIANO & SICONOLFI FAMILY
	11:30 a.m.	SPECIAL INTENTION
	5:00 p.m.	ROONEY, PURCELL, MC QUADE & GARRETTO FAMILIES
MON. 12/22	6:45 a.m.	JOHN R. SELVAGGIO, JR.
	9:00 a.m.	ANTOINETTE VITRO
TUES. 12/23	6:45 a.m.	LUCY & DOMINICK PANGALLO
	9:00 a.m.	UMBERTO & ROSA MASI
WED. 12/24	6:45 a.m.	VICTOR ARCARA
	9:00 a.m.	ROONEY, PURCELL, MC QUADE & MARK GARRETTO
	4:00 p.m.	JOHN J. MC GOWAN
	12:00 p.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
THU. 12/25	7:00 a.m.	MICHAEL O'HORA
	8:30 a.m.	PETJA MARIA KRONER & MADJA KOROSEC
	10:00 a.m.	SALVATORE MASTROGIACOMO
	11:30 a.m.	LENA CACCIOLA
FRI. 12/26	6:45 a.m.	RICHARD HICKS & LUIGI MAGLIULO
	9:00 a.m.	GRACE SPOSATO
SAT. 12/27	9:00 a.m.	VAHE & SAKE ANTREASYAN
	5:00 p.m.	RALPH TANCREDI
SUN. 12/28	7:00 a.m.	VICTOR ARCARA & FAMILY
	8:30 a.m.	VERA ROCCO
	10:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	11:30 a.m.	MSGR. JOSEPH J. RAIMONDO
	5:00 p.m.	FRED S. TORTELLO



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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** is offered each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

**DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY** The Rosary is prayed in the Church from Tuesday to Saturday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and also on Sunday, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Each Monday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, a novena is held in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Rosary is prayed following the novena.

**A CHRISTMAS WISH** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we would like to express our gratitude to you, our parishioners, for your goodness, kindness and generosity. We pray that God will bless you with health, happiness and peace during this holy season and throughout the new year. You will all be remembered in our Christmas Masses.

Very truly yours,

Father Richard M. Guarnieri,  
 Father James Teague, Father John Edison  
 And Father Soosairaj Michael



**ST GREGORY THE GREAT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE (please note the change for Christmas Eve Masses):**

**Christmas Eve** - Wednesday, December 24th  
4:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

**Christmas Day** - Thursday, December 25th  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

**New Year's Eve** - Wednesday, December 31st  
5:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day** - Thursday, January 1, 2015  
7:00 and 9:00 a.m. 12:00 and 5:00 p.m.

**FINANCIAL CORNER:** Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 14th will be posted at a later date. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**NEW MEMBERS** The Father O'Sullivan Columbiettes would like to welcome any member of St. Gregory the Great Parish to join our charitable organization. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus building on West Street. If you would like to become a Columbiette, please contact Vivian LePino at 835-4917.

**LIFE CHAIN** Please join us in this prayerful presence for unborn babies and their Mothers on Sunday, December 21, 2014 at Kohl's Plaza Port Chester, NY from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by Respect Life Ministry, Holy Rosary Parish, Port Chester, NY.



*The child to be born will be called holy,  
the Son of God.*

—Luke 1:35

**Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers**

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Antoinetta and Dominick Bombace and have been requested by Rose De Rosa.

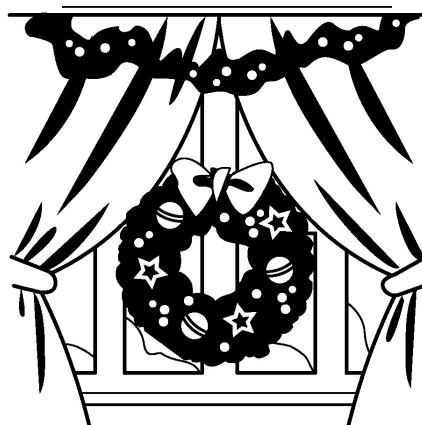
The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Fred S. Tortello and have been requested by his wife, Ann, and Family.

The Altar Flowers this week have been donated in memory of Michael and Gary Delzio and have been requested by Mildred Delzio.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of the Santucci and Stout Families and have been requested by Jean Stout.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Joan Anixt, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Carmelita Briotte, Sue Burger, James Castaldi, Silvio Catalano, Adrian and Marisa Colon, Matthew Coulter, Lou Coviello, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Donna DiMaggio, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, Camdon Joseph, Sabrina Marciante, Joanne Mayne, Stephanie Merenda, Robert Rubeo, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Margaret Valeri, Peter Valeri, Concetta Vasile, Gregory Westfall, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people.  
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalms** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord  
(Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus  
Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it  
be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27,  
29;  
Lk 1:67-79

**Thursday:** **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;  
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Friday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,  
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-  
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**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps  
128:1-5  
or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or  
Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent; Winter begins

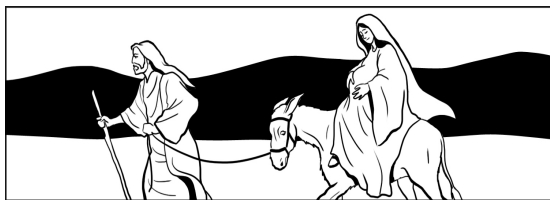
**Tuesday:** St. John of Kanty

**Wednesday:** The Vigil of Christmas

**Thursday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Friday:** St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

**Saturday:** St. John



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## Was Jesus actually born December 25?

*How do we know the date of Jesus' birth? I've checked my Bible, and I can't find any mention of the date.*

**You're right:** The Bible doesn't say Jesus was born December 25. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke are the only Scriptures to give much detail about Christ's birth and infancy. They name the key political figures of the day, but not much else (Luke 1:5 and 2:1-2). Neither evangelist included specific information about the dates.

Dates were apparently not important to the earliest Christians. Besides, the first few generations of Christ's followers were far more interested in celebrating Christ's resurrection each Sunday, and eventually on Easter, than they were in celebrating his birth.

Christians started to associate December 25 with Christ's nativity centuries after the fact: the year 336, according to the earliest evidence.

The most popular theory is that the Church chose to replace a popular pagan Roman sun festival celebrating the winter solstice (December 21 or 22) with a Christian feast that could overtake the pagan festival and use its sun imagery to speak of Christ as the unconquered "Sun of Righteousness."

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